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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
Room 2125, Temporary "M" Building
26th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

8 March 1956

PRESENT

Dr. Otto E. Guthe, CIA, Chairman
[REDACTED] CIA, Vice Chairman
Colonel William C. Baird, Air Force
Mr. Bennett Davis, Navy
Mr. Edward Doherty, State
Mr. John Easton, JCS
Mr. George C. Fowler, Army
Mr. Kingsley Hamilton, Air Force
Commander Robert E. Hawthorne, Navy
Commander R. R. Hirshfeld, USN, JCS
Mr. Duncan Holmes, Army
Mr. Edwin F. Jones, State
Colonel E. M. Postlethwait, Army
[REDACTED] EIC, Principal Staff Economist
[REDACTED], EIC, Executive Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman reported that the minutes of the last two meetings (on 26 January and 2 February) had been approved on 13 February by interim action.
2. The Chairman explained that the Bibliography of Economic, Technical and Scientific Guide Requirements, then being distributed to the EIC members (EIC-D-138, 8 March 1956, had been prepared by the EIC Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation, in consultation with members of the scientific intelligence community. Since the individual requirements manuals listed include economic, technical and scientific subjects it was proposed that release of this publication be approved jointly by the Economic Intelligence Committee and the Scientific Estimates Committee. Accordingly, drafts were being distributed simultaneously to members of both committees.

3. Action: It was agreed that EIC members would review this bibliography and take interim action to approve its release, or to suggest modifications.

BIWEEKLY REPORT ON BLOC ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS

4. Discussion: The representative of the Department of State reported briefly on the activities of the new EIC Working Group on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas, and then explained the recommendation that biweekly publications in this series

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The representative of the Joint Staff then offered a number of suggestions for improving the format and coverage of the biweekly reports, and particularly urged that non-IAC agencies with important capabilities or interests in this field be brought into these working-group activities.

5. Action: The EIC members agreed to further review the appropriateness of releasing these biweekly reports

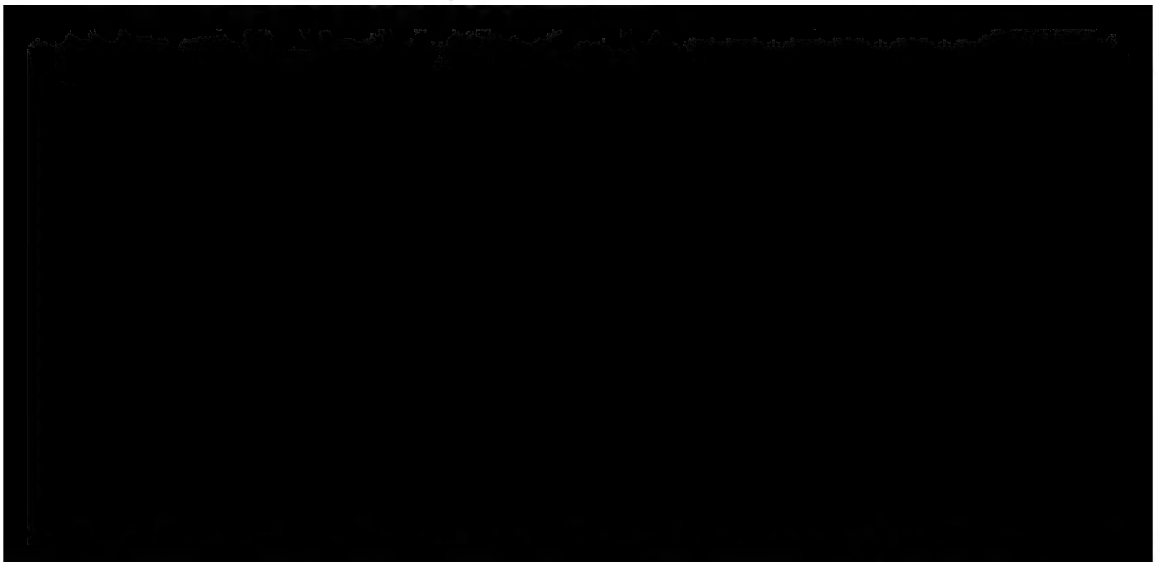
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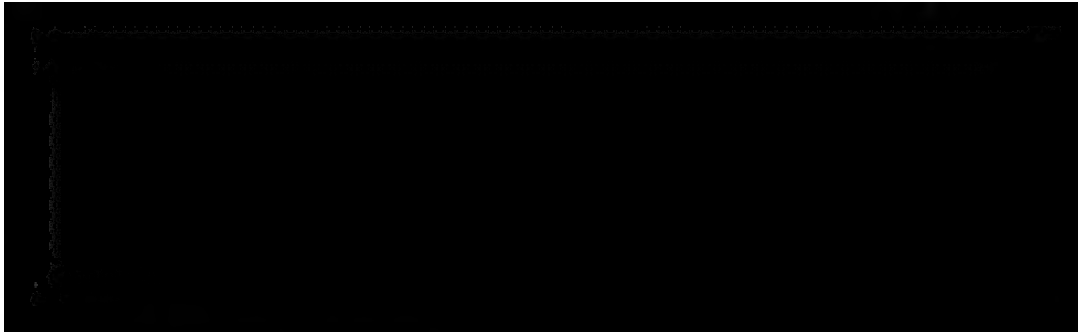


The committee requested the Chairman to address letters to principal associate (non-IAC) members of the EIC, requesting comments on and suggestions for the new biweekly publication, and asking if they wish to contribute to this activity.

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8. Consideration of this agenda item was deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

9. The Secretariat distributed lists of the new representatives recently designated to the EIC and its various sub-committees and working groups.



Executive Secretary
Economic Intelligence Committee

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